*Ministry of Railways*

There are two on-going loans from the World Bank one for $ 280 million (effective from 25-5-1984 and expiry date 30-09-1992) and the other for $390 million (effective date 14-6-1988 and expiry date 31.12.1993). The World Bank staff have appraised another project for $ 300 million but the loan has not been negotiated. There is one loan from ADB for $ 190 m. (Effective date 16-12-1987 and expiry date 31-7-1992). Another loan for $ 225 m. has been negotiated but has not become effective.

**Re-structuring of NTC**

336. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal before Government for the re-structuring of the National Textile Corporation, British India Corporation and the National Jute Manufacturers' Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of textile mills managed by NTC in different States, State-wise;

(d) wheher he had stated recently that 14 mills under NTC which were terminally sick would be wound up; if so, what are the names thereof, since when these are sick and the action plan contemplated by Government to safeguard the interest of the affected workers; and

(e) whether any role of private sector is contemplated for running of any unit out of these, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) Various alternatives are under consideration of the Government as a long term solution to curtail down heavy losses incurred by National Textile Corporation, British India Corporation and National Jute Manufacturers' Corporation and to revitalise them.

(c) National Textile Corporation is running 124 textile mills in the country. A table showing the number of such mills, located State-wise/Union-territory-wise, is given below:—

| Name of the State/ Union Territory | Number of Mills |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 6 |
| Assam | 1 |
| Bihar | 2 |
| Delhi | 1 |
| Gujarat | 12 |
| Karnataka | 4 |
| Kerala | 5 |
| Mahe | 1 |
| Maharashtra | 35 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 7 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 11 |
| Rajashthan | 4 |
| Punjab | 4 |
| West Bengal | 14 |
| Tamil Nadu | 14 |
| Orisssa | 1 |
| Pondicherry | 2 |
| TOTAL : | 124 |

(d) and (e) Out of 122 mills in operation under NTC, it has been

identified by NTC that 14 heavily losing mills would be unviable even after heavy investment. In order to improve the performance of NTC, various alternatives including amalgamation etc. are under discussions at various levels. However,, no decision has been taken in this regard.

**Claims supplied by Indians returned from Kuwait**

337. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indians lost their property in Kuwait during the Gulf War;

(b) whether they have submitted claims for compensation and if so, what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) what is the quantum of damages claimed by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FA-LEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Over 1,00,000 claims have been received; the data contained therein are being computarised and the information on a consolidated basis will be sent to the United Nations Compensation Commission established by the Security Council in order to pay compensation. The total of claims will be known only after the computerisation is completed.

**Functioning: of Indian Embassies in Middle East Countries**

338. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians who have returned to Kuwait since March, 1991;

(b) whether our Embassy has been looking properly towards the interest of Indian labour in Kuwait;

(c) whether any periodic review is done of the functioning of our Embassies in the Middle East' and other countries where Indian labour is employed in significant number; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to institute sufficient safeguard to ensure good treatment and sensitivity from Embassy personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FA-LEIRO): (a) Approximately 50,000 Indians nationals are estimated to have returned to Kuwait since March, 1991.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Our Embassies have been instructed to do the needful and their compliance is monitored regularly.

**गुजरात में सहकारी क्षेत्र में सूती मिलों की स्थापना**

339. श्री राम सिंह राठवा: क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात राज्य में अहमदाबाद, सूरत तथा बड़ौदा में सहकारी क्षेत्र में चल रही सूती धागे की मिलों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ख) क्या ये मिलें हथकरघा और विद्युत चालित करघा उद्योगों की मांग को पूरा करने के लिए पर्याप्त हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार गुजरात में अहमदाबाद सूरत और बड़ौदा में सहकारी क्षेत्र में किसी नई सूती धागा मिल की स्थापना का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो आठवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान कितनी मिलें स्थापित किए जाने की संभावना है ?